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The Original Mother's Day Proclamation

By Julia Ward Howe

While countries around the world celebrate their own Mother's Day at different times throughout the year, several countries, including the United States, Italy, Australia, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, and Turkey celebrate it on the second Sunday of May.

In the United States, the origins of the official holiday go back to 1870, when Julia Ward Howe – an abolitionist best remembered as the poet who wrote “Battle Hymn of the Republic” – worked to establish a Mother's Peace Day. Howe dedicated the celebration to the eradication of war, and organized festivities in Boston for years.

In 1907, Anna Jarvis, of Philadelphia, began the campaign to have Mother's Day officially recognized, and in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson did this, proclaiming it a national holiday and a “public expression of our love and reverence for all mothers.”

Today's commercialized celebration of candy, flowers, gift certificates, and lavish meals at restaurants bears little resemblance to Howe's original idea. There is nothing wrong with that. But here, for the record's sake, is the proclamation she wrote in 1870, which explains, in her own impassioned words, the goals of the original holiday.

Arise, all women who have hearts, whether your baptism be that of water or of tears! Say firmly: “We will not have great questions decided by irrelevant agencies, our husbands shall not come to us,

reeking with carnage, for caresses and applause.

“Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn all that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience. We women of one country will be too tender of those of another country to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs.”

From the bosom of the devastated earth a voice goes up with our own. It says, “Disarm, disarm! The sword is not the balance of justice.” Blood does not wipe out dishonor nor violence indicate possession.

As men have often forsaken the plow and the anvil at the summons of war, let women now leave all that may be left of home for a great and earnest day of counsel. Let them meet first, as women, to bewail and commemorate the dead. Let them then solemnly take counsel with each other as to the means whereby the great human family

can live in peace, each learning after his own time, the sacred impress, not of Caesar, but of God.

In the name of womanhood and of humanity, I earnestly ask that a general congress of women without limit of nationality may be appointed and held at some place deemed most convenient and at the earliest period consistent with its objects, to promote the alliance of the different nationalities, the amicable settlement of international questions, the great and general interests of peace.



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Park Lakes POA Annual Meeting

Monday May 8, 2017 – 7 PM
Wood Creek Middle School
14600 Woodson Park Dr.
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Swim in the Heated Pool

May 1-31, 2017 - Times Vary
Conroe Aquatic Center

First Thursday Free Concert Series

May 4, 2017 - 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Heritage Place, Conroe

May Movies in the Park: Finding Dory

May 5, 2017 - 8:15pm
Heritage Place, Conroe

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Gorilla Hole

May 5, 2017 - 7:00pm - 9:45pm
The Woodlands Rec Center

Waterway Nights

May 6, 2017 - 6:00pm
Waterway Square, The Woodlands

Walk Tomball

May 6, 2017 - 9:00am
Railroad Depot Plaza, Tomball

The Woodlands Farmer's Market

May 6, 2017 - 8:00am - 12:00pm
Grogan's Mill Shopping Center

Concerts in the Park

May 7, 2017 - 5:30pm
Northshore Park, The Woodlands

Kid's Night Out - Summer Splash

May 12, 2017 - 6:00pm
The Woodlands Rec Center

May Movies in the Park: Angry Birds

May 12, 2017 - 8:15pm
Heritage Place, Conroe

Splash Your Way in May

May 13, 2017 - TBA
Conroe Aquatic Center

Walk Tomball

May 13, 2017 - 9:00am
Railroad Depot Plaza, Tomball

The Woodlands Farmer's Market

May 13, 2017 - 8:00am - 12:00pm
Grogan's Mill Shopping Center

2nd Saturday at the Depot

May 13, 2017 - TBA
The Railroad Depot, Tomball

Sand Castle Building Contest & Concert in the Park

May 14, 2017 - 5:30pm
Northshore Park, The Woodlands

May Movies in the Park: Zootopia

May 19, 2017 - 8:15pm
Heritage Place, Conroe

Gorilla Hole

May 19, 2017 - 7:00pm
Rob Fleming Aquatic Center

The Woodlands Farmer's Market

May 20, 2017 - 8:00am - 12:00pm
Grogan's Mill Shopping Center

Walk Tomball

May 20, 2017 - 9:00am
Railroad Depot Plaza, Tomball

Concert in the Park

May 21, 2017 - 5:30pm
Northshore Park, The Woodlands

May Movies in the Park:

The Secret Life of Pets

May 26, 2017 - 8:15pm
Heritage Place, Conroe

The Woodlands Farmer's Market

May 27, 2017 - 8:00am - 12:00pm
Grogan's Mill Shopping Center

Walk Tomball

May 27, 2017 - 9:00am
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WASTE-FREE YARDS KEEPS PETS HEALTHY

American pet owners collectively spend tens of millions of dollars every year on veterinary care and over-the-counter medicines for their furry loved ones. But what many don't realize is that many pet illnesses can be avoided by simply keeping the back yard clear of pet waste.

Dog waste is more than just a smelly and unsightly mess. It's also a breeding ground for infection—especially in dog parks and other areas where dogs frequently gather. Bacteria, worms and other parasites thrive in the waste until it's cleaned up or washed into the water supply. Giardia, ringworm, roundworm and E. coli are examples of such inhabitants, all of which are commonly found in dog feces and are easily transferable upon contact.

When pets become sick, contagions are often times passed through their deposits into their own yard. The longer infected dog waste stays on the ground, the greater a contamination becomes. And when this waste is not picked up, pets have a high risk of catching the infection over and over again.

Roundworm, for example, is one of the most common parasites found in dog waste and it can remain infectious in contaminated soil and water for years.

The best thing pet owners can do to help keep their four-legged friends healthy and safe is to pick up after them and to do so in a timely manner. Those who don't have enough time to deal with the mess themselves—or simply don't want to—should consider hiring a local pet waste removal service.

Also, be respectful to your neighbors and **SCOOP THE POOP!**

PET RULES FOR HOA HARMONY

Our association is proud to be pet-friendly, and we're happy your four-legged family members are part of our community. Of course, like any good neighbor, it's important that these pets don't create an unpleasant environment for everyone else. To avoid unnecessary disputes and potential rule violations, here are some guidelines owners should follow to ensure their furry friends continue to be a welcome addition to the neighborhood.

Read the Rules: While we welcome pets in our association, we have a few rules and requirements. Please check our website or the association's governing documents for more information.

Service animals are exempt from the association's pet requirements. However, please contact the board or manager to ask for an accommodation to keep a service animal. Proof of the service animal's training or a doctor's certification may be required.

Keep it Clean: No one wants to see, smell or accidentally step in the "gift" your dog left on the grassy common area. So when your dog needs to go, be sure to properly dispose of it, preferably in

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a pet waste disposal can. Not only will this keep our community looking better, but it will help keep ground water clean and help prevent the spread of fecal-borne diseases.

Quiet Down: Pets will be noisy from time to time. However, when loud barking or meowing becomes annoying to neighbors, it's time to help your pet become less talkative. First, try to find out what causes your pets to get vocal: Do they get noisy when they've been alone and bored all day and need some playtime? Have they gone through a stressful change in environment recently? Are they suffering from health issues? Do they simply like saying "hello" to every squirrel, person or car that passes by? When you've identified the cause, take remedial actions such as confining them to an area where they feel calm while you're away, removing or blocking as many stimuli as possible, exercising them more and spending more time with them. You can also take them to a professional or search online for tips on how to train your pets not to get too noisy.

No Wandering: For the safety of your pets as well as all residents, please do not allow your pets to roam unattended outside. Along with helping protect your pets, leashing your dog is the law.

ECO-FRIENDLY LAWN CARE TIPS

Maintaining your yard in a traditional manner isn't always the "greenest" endeavor. Whether it's using chemical-laden pesticides and fertilizer or working with greenhouse gas-producing lawn tools, some methods of lawn upkeep can be tough on the environment. Thankfully, there are plenty of eco-friendly ways you can keep your yard looking lush. So reduce your carbon footprint, and try some of these simple tips:

- Conserve water by watering your lawn more heavily but less often. By doing this, you're ultimately using less water because the heavier watering lasts longer, allowing you to spread out how often you have to water your lawn. Also, watering in the early morning or early evening gives water a chance to soak into the soil without evaporating as it would during the hottest parts of the day. Finally, consider switching to water-saving sprinklers and hose nozzles.
- Leave grass clippings on your lawn after mowing. This is an easy way to nourish your lawn because clippings help replenish your soil after they decompose, which in turn encourages healthy grass growth.
- Don't cut grass too short. Keeping your grass at the tall end of its optimal mowing height (usually between one and three

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WHY JOIN A COMMITTEE?

Committees serve a number of important roles to our association process and the Board of Directors:

- Committees serve as a training ground for future association leaders.
- Committees serve as a conduit through which the Board receives "grass root" input - opinions and attitudes of owners.
- Committees are a vehicle through which Board actions are explained.
- Committees enhance the effectiveness of the Board of Directors by providing research analysis and advice needed for policy decisions.
- Committees can be an instrument for initial implementation of Board policies such as with the Architectural Review Committee.

Committees are an important linkage between the Board of Directors and owners but in order to be effective committees need members! Owner input, involvement and participation is a

must. Please consider participating in the association process and volunteering to serve on an association committee. Our community needs you!

Be on the lookout for committee meetings. Meeting times and locations will be sent out via email through Constant Contact. Sign up to receive emails at www.Crest-Management.com.

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inches depending on the type of grass) helps ensure that the root systems are deep enough to protect the grass from getting scorching by the summer sun. To avoid stressing the grass, a good rule of thumb is to cut no more than 1/3 of the grass's current height. Be sure to cut your grass often so that you don't have to take off too much with each mowing.

- Consider trading in your gas-powered lawn mower for an electric or battery-powered mower. Gas-powered engines contribute significantly to air pollution, so switching to an electric or battery-powered mower reduces carbon emissions. Both types of mowers are easy to start, and battery-powered mowers rechargeable and run up to 70 minutes. Electric and battery-powered versions of other gas-powered lawn tools, such as weed whackers and leaf blowers, are also available, so consider swapping those out as well.

- Go organic when choosing a fertilizer. Organic fertilizers take longer to show results than chemical fertilizers; however, organic fertilizer will improve your soil quality in the long run and yield a much greener lawn. Conversely, chemical fertilizers can deplete your soil of minerals, pollute ground water runoff and cause soil to become too acidic.

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